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FRONT COVER: A view from the portico of Fisher Auditorium (with the trademark columns out of sight to the right). In the window of Waller Hall is Communications Media student John Morrow. Photograph by Keith Bower.

BACK COVER: Three members of the IUP Dance Theater Company; top to bottom: Nicole Rodney, Lori Foster, and Anne Devlin. Photograph by Keith Bower.



GENIUS *DOES* LOVE COMPANY

A LONG-TIME ADMIRER OF RAY CHARLES, IUP president Tony Atwater takes delight in the late musician's final album. But it's more than just the music. Atwater said the album's title, *Genius Loves Company*, brings to his mind Tom Baker.

"His legacy at IUP represents the excellence the university can achieve," Atwater said of Baker. "He is a symbol of IUP at its best."

When Baker graduated from IUP in May, he had received fellowships from the National Science Foundation, Phi Kappa Phi, and Mortar Board to begin a doctoral program in chemical physics at Harvard University. He also was only the second person from IUP ever designated a Barry M. Goldwater Scholar. At Honors Day in April, he was recognized with the Robert Reynolds '48 Graduate Scholarship.

Baker came from Bloomsburg, Pa., to IUP, where he was a member of the Robert E. Cook Honors College. He credits a Central Columbia High School teacher, Brett Criswell '88, for refining his interest in chemistry. "I wanted to be a scientist from a very young age," Baker said.

The summer after his IUP freshman year, Baker started working on research projects with IUP Chemistry professor Ronald See. "I could tell within a week," See said, "that not only was he very bright, but he had the academic and intellectual confidence, even just past his freshman year, to do outstanding research."

Baker spent the summer after his sophomore year in the Research for Undergraduates program at Columbia University. More than two thousand students from throughout the U.S. apply annually for the program. Fifteen are accepted.

Using a powerful microscope with atomic resolution, Baker conducted research that helped explain nanotechnology applications. With funding from Columbia, he presented his research at a National American Chemical

Society conference in Anaheim, Calif.

"After he came back from Columbia, he told me he had an idea for his own research project," See said. "Almost never does that happen with undergraduates. He designed his own project, and it was a good one."

According to John Eck, dean of IUP's College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics, "IUP has a long and distinguished record in providing research opportunities and professional mentoring for our students. Tom Baker took full advantage of these opportunities to develop his personal interest in chemistry."

In the summer of 2004, Baker entered an internship program at the Center for Materials Science and Engineering at Massachusetts Institute of Technology. There, he worked in the Institute for Soldier Nanotechnologies, which creates lightweight molecular materials

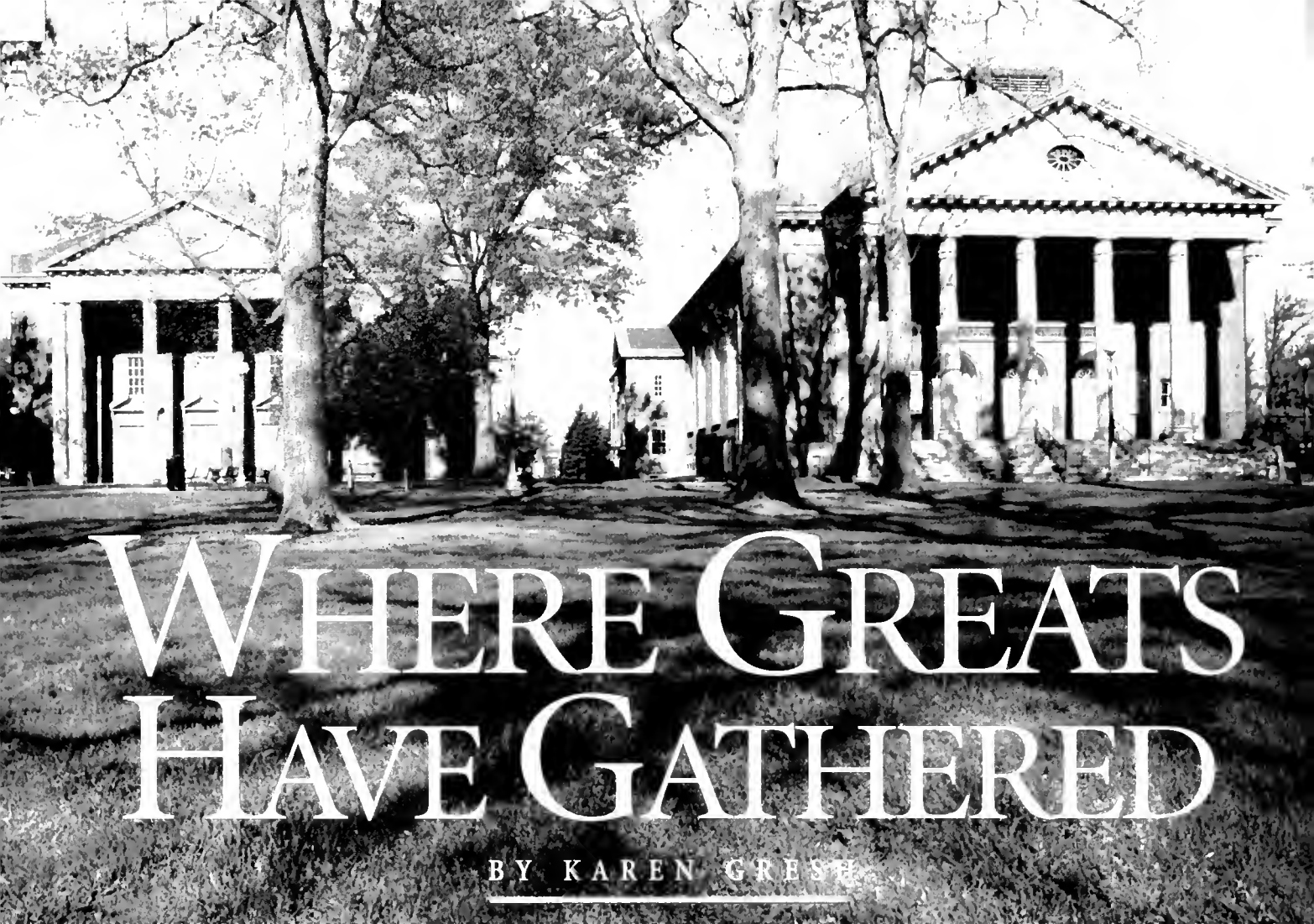
to equip future foot soldiers with uniforms and gear that can heal them, shield them, and protect them against chemical and biological warfare. Both the Columbia and MIT experiences were funded by the National Science Foundation.

According to Eck, "The most difficult thing for Tom to do while at IUP was to choose where he wanted to continue his education: Stanford, Harvard, or Cal Tech. These kinds of difficulties are easy to deal with."

Baker is spending this summer in Mainz, Germany, conducting research on theoretical chemistry at the Max Planck Institute. Before leaving IUP, he was among those recognized at Commencement ceremonies for achieving a perfect 4.0 grade-point average.

Not all the accolades should be his, Baker said. "The support of IUP, the Chemistry Department, and especially Dr. See, my advisor and mentor," he said, "was extremely instrumental in my growth, both as a student and as a scientist." 🐼





WHERE GREATS HAVE GATHERED

BY KAREN GRESH

JOHN S. FISHER AUDITORIUM STARTED OUT AT A DISADVANTAGE. CONSTRUCTED AT LEAST IN PART BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION IN THE CLOSING DAYS OF THE GREAT DEPRESSION, IT NEVER RECEIVED SOME OF THE FINISHING TOUCHES IT WAS SUPPOSED TO HAVE.

Audiences sat on park benches until surplus theater seats became available at the end of World War II. These were not replaced until the eighties, when more amenities were added.

The auditorium didn't even have a proper name—it was just called "Auditorium" for several years after its construction. In the late forties, it officially received its new designation in company with three other campus buildings, all named. *The Penn* reported, "for prominent Pennsylvania citizens who have been closely associated with the local institution." At a special ceremony that moved from building to building, John S. Fisher Auditorium, John A. H. Keith School, David L. Waller Gymnasium, and Jane R. McElhane Hall

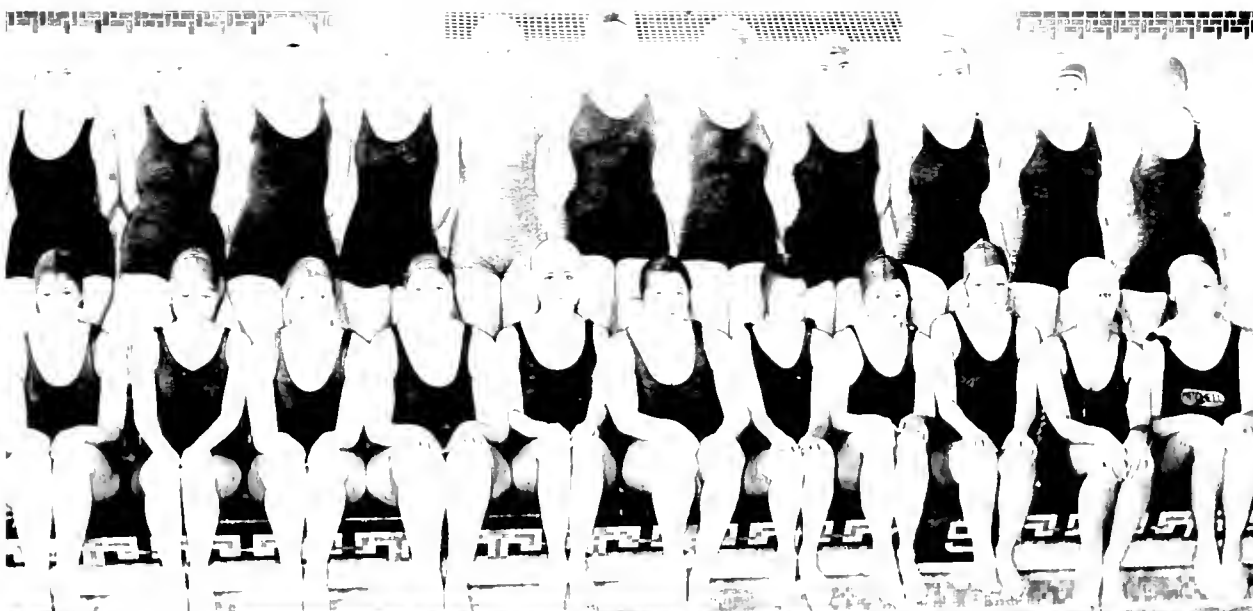
were dedicated on the same day.

The auditorium was named in honor of an Indiana Normal School alumnus (Class of 1886) who was the only Indiana County native ever to serve as Pennsylvania's governor (1927-1931). When it was built, in 1939, it could easily hold the entire school in its 1,600 seats; indeed, for years, the entire school gathered there for convocations.

The school got bigger. Famous people came to speak: Eleanor Roosevelt, Charles Laughton, Clement Atlee, William O. Douglas, Daniel Inouye, Mike Mansfield. Fisher saw some of the best entertainment Western Pennsylvania had to offer. Leonard Bernstein appeared with the Pittsburgh Symphony in 1948. Duke Ellington played there



Top: At midcentury, the area south of Fisher Auditorium looked remarkably different from today. The trees and walk at left and the driveway at center were on the present site of Stapleton Library, while the turret-like structure in the foreground belonged to Thomas Sutton Hall, demolished in the seventies. The porches beyond the turret were part of a John Sutton Hall wing razed at the same time. Center: A poolside picture in the 1935 *Oak* shows some of the intricately detailed mosaic tile work around Waller's ground-floor swimming pool. Some of the tile remains as the outline of a stage today. Bottom: Details from Fisher.



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Top left: Charles Davis, left, and Robert Ensley put together some of the best entertainment Fisher Auditorium ever offered.

Top right: Course registration took the place of basketball games in Waller Hall after Memorial Field House was built. Huge boards positioned atop closed bleachers displayed open and closed sections while registrants scanned them hopefully.

Right: Details from Waller.

shortly before his death.

There was homegrown entertainment, too. For instance, the Mellowmen, under the direction of faculty member Charles Davis '39, appeared with Pittsburgh musician Johnny Costa in 1963. The Mellowmen had been founded in 1947 by Davis. That same year, he and fellow faculty member Robert Ensley also started *Swing Out*, an annual program of Broadway-like productions staged by the college's students.

Swing Out productions drew audiences to Fisher from near and far, as did Ensley's Summer Theater Guild, which eventually became *Theater-by-the-Grove*. Every summer, from 1952 to 1978, the Guild-turned-Grove presented six shows in six weeks.

Ensley himself retired in 1977, a year before the university established a Theater Department. In the early eighties, lack of air conditioning in Fisher drove summer productions to Pratt Hall. Later that decade, they settled in a renovated Waller Gymnasium.

Waller had been built in 1927. Until Memorial Field House was completed in 1965, it was the indoor athletics facility for the school. In the late eighties, an imaginative renovation transformed Waller Hall into what was then considered a state-of-the-art theater facility.

Within the next year, Fisher and Waller will be asso-



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ciated with each other in more than just their columned good looks. A 20,500-square-foot addition, constructed in the space between the two buildings, will provide an expansive area for audience entry, ticket station, reception space, and access corridors and elevators to the two venues.

For performers, the addition will feature dressing rooms with showers, make-up counters with mirrors and appropriate lighting, a locker area, and direct access to the rear of Fisher. There will also be warm-up rehearsal spaces and storage areas for musical instruments.

Best of all, there will be air conditioning. Both buildings—and the addition they share—will be connected to the university's expanded chiller plant. Fisher will also have an upgraded heating system, a revised seating plan, a larger performance area, and better lighting.

The total cost of the project for both buildings and the addition is estimated at \$12.6 million. Construction is expected to begin next summer. 🐼

The University's Living Room

BY PRESIDENT TONY ATWATER

As I arrived on campus in late February to assume the duties of president, the Fisher-Waller project was on hold. Asking the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education to reactivate the project would require bold and sober leadership. After analyzing the situation, however, I concluded that moving the project forward was critical to IUP for a number of reasons.

From their strategic location

on the Oak Grove at the core of the IUP campus, the Fisher and Waller facilities represent much more than just good-looking buildings. Together, they serve as the university's living room. It is here that we perform a unique and important outreach mission by enriching the cultural climate of the Indiana region in creative and memorable ways.

Even before this project was reactivated, a series of improvements served to make this vital core of university outreach more attractive and hospitable. Significant improvements in lighting have transformed the Fisher plaza into a jewel-like setting after dark. New lights throughout the Oak Grove draw casual strollers as well as theatergoers almost like magnets. And, the addition of a parking garage a few steps from Fisher across Eleventh Street has lessened parking hassles.

Features of the new structure connecting Fisher and Waller will dramatically enhance the

experience of campus patrons and theatergoers. They will also provide better facilities for our performing arts students. According to College of Fine Arts dean Michael Hood, "The beauty of this plan is that it brings the facilities into the modern age for the performers and the audience without compromising the buildings' essential character."

Dean Hood and the Fine Arts faculty have outlined key requirements for significantly enhancing IUP's performing arts environment. With this project and the Cogswell Hall renovation, the living room of IUP is assuming a grander appearance to the benefit of the campus and regional communities.

In undertaking the Fisher-Waller project, the university also is insuring a bright future for some of its strongest academic programs. IUP is proud to play a role in maintaining and improving an historic centerpiece of arts and culture for the entire region. 🐾

A brand-new Cogswell Hall takes shape as Oakland Avenue gains a third lane.



THE STUDENT EXPERIENCE



President Tony Atwater
with Melissa Swindel
and Anthony Rebyanski

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THE SCHOLAR-ATHLETES

BY BOB FUITON

The choices of Missy Swindel and Anthony Rebyanski as IUP's inaugural Scholar-Athlete of the Year award winners were perfect. After all, their transcripts were.

Swindel, a sweeper back on the soccer team, fashioned a cumulative 4.0 grade-

point average through seven semesters, and Rebyanski, a pitcher-outfielder on the baseball team, compiled a 4.0 in the fall semester. They were selected by President Tony Atwater, who presented the awards at a Crimson Club dinner the week of graduation.

"As a new president, it is important to me that the community understand that our outstanding athletes are also outstanding students," Atwater said. "This occasion provides me with the opportunity to highlight that fact."

The recipients were caught unawares by the honor. They attended the dinner as senior representatives of their respective teams and were taken aback when athletic director Frank Condino asked them to come forward.

"I was contacted about three days before," said Swindel, a resident of Toledo, Ohio, who graduated from the Robert E. Cook Honors College in May. "They're like, oh, by the way, you might want to be there. I was like, OK. I was extremely happy to get the award."

As was Rebyanski, a communications major from Shelocta, Pa. Especially since he wasn't expecting it.

"I went to the banquet not knowing a thing," said Rebyanski, who hopes to enter the sports broadcasting field after graduating in 2006. "When Dr. Condino started talking about the guy on the baseball team, I'm like, wait a minute, I'm the only one here who's on the baseball team. I didn't have a clue that I was even being considered for the award. I'm pretty happy that I was chosen for it."

Rebyanski went 4-4 in his final season of

eligibility, struck out a team-leading fifty-five batters in forty-four innings, batted .339, and slugged four home runs. He wrapped up his career with thirteen wins and 163 strikeouts, the fourth-highest total in IUP history.

Swindel was instrumental in the success of a soccer team that established a school record for victories (nineteen), won the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference championship, and made the program's first NCAA Division II tournament appearance. She was named an *ESPN the Magazine* College Division first-team Academic All-American; was a first-team selection on the CoSIDA Academic All-District II squad, which included players from Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland, Delaware, West Virginia, and the District of Columbia; and was a three-time PSAC Scholar Athlete. Swindel was also presented

the Foundation for IUP Community Volunteer Service award in her role as founder and president of Access IUP, a program designed to motivate struggling ninth-grade students.

Meanwhile, she kept earning A's despite a challenging course load: majors in political science and history, with minors in pre-law and Latin American studies. But Swindel didn't mind the demands of cramming classes, soccer, and volunteer work into days that never seemed to have enough hours. Fact is, she relished her college experience.

"I'm from Toledo, and I had no idea what IUP was and what it was about. I had never even heard of IUP," said Swindel, who has enrolled at the University of Pittsburgh Law School. "I'm just so happy they recruited me to come here. Every moment at IUP has been amazing." 🐼

THE SEAGOING GEOLOGIST

BY MARILYN KUKULA

The typhoon had finally stopped slamming the ship, and sophomore Matthew Bolyn could focus on the research that had taken him to the South Pacific near Tahiti for six weeks in Spring, 2005.

Bolyn carefully split the core sample he had helped to haul from the ocean floor. In it, he knew, were fifty-million-years' worth of Earth history and perhaps some clues about the future.

As the only undergraduate on the expedition, Bolyn helped gather data, manned sonar equipment, helped retrieve core samples from about four thousand meters below the surface, made slides of sediment, and observed as a group of experienced scientists and graduate students uncovered secrets hidden in the core samples.

Back in the lab, the sediment was dated and studied. Two hundred meters of sediment can represent fifty million years. A few centimeters can cover a thousand years. Loose fish teeth as tiny as grains of salt can identify a species, revealing the time period of that portion.

"The classes I'd taken on fossils and min-

eralogy contributed to what I gained from the trip," Bolyn, a Geology major, said. "I tried to learn as much as I could."

Timelines also can be traced from the magnetic anomalies in the sample, according to IUP Geoscience professor Steve Hovan, another trip participant. He explained that the Earth's magnetism from the North to South poles has reversed at documented times.

Along with dating the sample, researchers use chemical extractions and clay mineralogy identification to track the sediment's origin.

"The rocks that make up the continents

have geochemical fingerprints," Hovan said. The sea floor targeted on the recent trip included mostly South African and Australian dust.

By the amount of dust particles, combined with wind patterns, scientists draw conclusions about how dry the climate on Earth was at the time. The cores taken on the trip could be dated back to the Paleocene-Eocene boundary in history, which Hovan said was the warmest period on Earth after the dinosaurs.

"There were no ice sheets anywhere, not even on Antarctica," Hovan said. "We can study how fast the winds were blowing, the temperatures of the ocean and biological

productivity of global climates through sediments in the sea, and look at how the Earth transitions from warmer to colder climates."

Last spring's trip and the scientists who made it had backing from a National Science Foundation grant. Bolyn received support from an IUP Senate Research Committee Award and the Paul Prince Memorial Fund, which was set up through the Foundation for IUP in memory of an IUP professor. The memorial fund enables students to study the ocean.

"I loved it," Bolyn said. "It was great... except for the typhoon. Definitely a worth-

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Matt Bolyn, center, worked alongside scientists from across the country to take core samples from the ocean floor.

Distinguished by Success & Service

TEN ALUMNI WERE HONORED WITH 2005

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARDS AT AN EARLY APRIL GALA SPONSORED BY THE IUP ALUMNI ASSOCIATION. BIOGRAPHIES OF THE WINNERS MORE DETAILED THAN THOSE THAT APPEAR BELOW ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE *IUP MAGAZINE* WEBSITE OR FROM THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION WEBPAGE (SELECT EACH NAME FOR THE FULL BIOGRAPHY). ❀

❀ **Robert Anderson '67** was honored for his global reputation for helping people cope with catastrophic events. During graduate studies at the University of Chicago, he was influenced by his work with Elisabeth Kubler-Ross, who focused her research on death and dying. He applied those lessons within U.S. Air Force medical centers and received the Air Force Association's Humanitarian Award. In addition to a master's degree from Chicago, he earned a divinity degree at McCormick Theological Seminary and a D.Ed. degree from Nova Southeastern University. He has been deployed to numerous areas of the world touched by international terrorism and other catastrophes. Retired from the Air Force as a lieutenant colonel after twenty years, he currently serves as director of Behavioral Medicine and Bioethics with the Utah Family Medical Residency and lives in Orem.

❀ **George Chressanthos '77** was recognized for a long record of academic excellence, translated into success in the business world, primarily in the pharmaceutical industry. With a 1979 master's degree and a 1983 doc-

torate, both in economics, from Purdue University, he has pioneered the use of microeconomic theory and econometric techniques in the development of pharmaceutical pricing. He currently serves as director of Central Support in the Commercial Analytics/Marketing Operations division of AstraZeneca I.P. at the corporation's U.S. headquarters in Wilmington, Del. He previously held academic positions in Michigan, Texas, and Mississippi and has published dozens of articles for trade journals and academic publications. In regular mentoring visits to IUP from his home in suburban Philadelphia and through generous scholarship support, he plays an important role in the lives of many IUP Economics majors.

❀ **Jonelle Prether Darr '79** was recognized for contributions to the commonwealth's cultural life in the areas of libraries and orchestral music. As executive director of the Cumberland County Library System for more than a decade, she has sought to secure the future of the system—busiest of its kind in the state—through increased levels of funding. In 2002, she launched the state's first One

Book, One Community program in collaboration with neighboring Dauphin County, motivating more than four thousand to read *The Killer Angels* by Michael Shaara and more than 1,700 to attend library-related events. She has served as president of both the Pennsylvania Library Association and PALINET. A talented performer on the French horn, she is cofounder, past executive director, and board member emerita of the Schuylkill Symphony Orchestra.

❀ **Donald Gill '62** was recognized for his long career as a successful business leader and entrepreneur. Matriculating at IUP after a four-year stint in the Navy, he led the Geographic Society and captained the 1961 football team. A brief postgraduate teaching career preceded a job as sales representative with Atlas Chemical Industries, a full-line manufacturer of explosives. He rose to be the company's U.S. construction manager and then left to acquire 50-percent ownership of Amos L. Dolby Company, an explosives distributorship in Clarion, Pa. In 1975, he became sole owner and embarked on an aggressive expansion, adding employees, trucks, and branch offices. He also owned four drilling and

blasting companies and eventually shared in a number of auto dealerships. Having today divested himself of all holdings except real estate, he lives in Naples, Fla.

❀ **Col. Alan Halliday '76** was recognized for an outstanding record as a neurologist and U.S. Army officer. An ROTC graduate of IUP, he earned an M.D. degree at Penn State, did an internship at Brooke Army Medical Center (Fort Sam Houston, Tex.), and was a resident in neurology at Walter Reed Army Medical Center (Washington, D.C.). Today, he is chief of Brooke's Neurology Department and also maintains academic appointments at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (Bethesda, Md.) and the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio. The recipient of numerous awards and honors, he has published in such journals as *Military Medicine*, *Neurology*, *Epilepsia*, and *eMedicine Journal*. He also travels widely from his home in San Antonio to give lectures and to make professional presentations on a frequent basis.

❀ **Nicholas Jacobs '69, M'72** was recognized for leadership in the health care and business communities. In addition to his degrees from IUP, he also received a master's in public management/health systems management from Carnegie Mellon and certification in health systems management from Harvard's School of Public Health. As president and chief executive officer of the Windber (Pa.) Medical Center, he pursued a strategic vision that resulted in the medical center's becoming a Planetree Hospital and receiving accolades from AARP. As president and cofounder of the Windber Research Institute, he has secured more than \$150 million in federal and state grants for the institute, which has become known nationally



Left to right, front: Vicky Triponey, President Tony Atwater, Martin Krivin, George Chressanthis, Nicholas Jacobs, and Jonelle Prether Darr.

Left to right, back: Myron Tomb, Robert Anderson, Alan Halliday, Donald Gill, and David Mawhinney.



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and internationally. In addition to previous positions not only in health care but in the areas of arts, tourism, and education, he plays trumpet professionally and lives in Davidsville, Pa.

✿ **Martin Krivin '51** was recognized for an outstanding career as a teacher, performer, producer, writer, and arts administrator. With a master's degree from New York University and a doctorate in music from the State University of Iowa, he devoted decades to music at New Jersey's William Paterson University. There he not only taught but founded and coordinated the university's nationally acclaimed jazz program. The first bachelor's degree in jazz was awarded in 1980; since then, the program has become internationally known. He established William Paterson's Jazz Room Series, producing more than 150 professional jazz concerts, and in his last position was executive director of the Wayne Chamber Orchestra, a professional group in residence at the university. An accomplished clarinetist who

once studied at Julliard Prep Center, he now makes his home in Oneonta, N.Y.

✿ **David Mawhinney '86** was recognized for his business acumen and his volunteer commitment to IUP. The recipient of an MBA degree from Carnegie Mellon's Tepper School of Business, he is chief executive officer and cofounder of Peak Strategy, a Pittsburgh-based technology firm that provides advanced predictive and adaptive software systems to financial asset managers. The current venture is only the latest in his long string of successful entrepreneurial excursions into the electronic marketing and health care industries. In addition to a term as president of the IUP Alumni Association Board of Directors, he has also served as a board member, as a member of the university's presidential search committee, and as Alumni Ambassador to the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics. A resident of Fox Chapel, Pa., he takes an active role in school and community affairs.

✿ **Vicky Triponey M'81** was recognized for an impressive record of achievement in student affairs leadership. As vice president for Student Affairs at Pennsylvania State University, she oversees a staff of more than 350 full-time employees and reports directly to the university's president. The recipient of a bachelor's degree from the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown and of a doctorate from the University of Virginia, she has held progressively responsible student affairs positions at public universities in Pennsylvania, Georgia, Virginia, Kansas, and Connecticut. Her achievements have been recognized with awards and accolades, including a regional distinguished service award from the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators. She was national runner-up for NASPA's Dissertation of the Year designation. A regular speaker before university and business audiences across the country, she also publishes in professional journals and books.

✿ **Myron Hay Tomb '69** received the Distinguished Alumni Award for Service in recognition of a distinguished legal career, involvement in IUP programs, and long history of civic engagement with the arts. A partner in the Indiana, Pa., firm of Tomb, Mack & Kauffman, LLP, he has served as county bar association president and as solicitor for several public bodies. He is both a board member of the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts and vice president and board member of the Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art. His volunteer service to IUP has ranged from presidency of the IUP Museum Board to chairmanship of the Foundation for IUP's Investment Committee to leadership in the Gateways to Opportunity capital campaign. Three years ago, he was selected for the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education's Eberly Award, which recognizes philanthropy and volunteerism. 🐾

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Bruce Dries

LIVING HISTORY

Indiana County's very own Norman keep sits on twelve acres in Strongstown. Just shy of three years old, Dane Castle, made of split-faced concrete block, is surrounded by forest, fields, and Amish neighbors. Its owners, Mike Mahalko M'80 (Food and Nutrition) and Cathy Homer, began planning the structure over twenty years ago as a place to reflect their love of history and show off their large collection of ancient and replica arms and armor.

The hundreds of weapons and pieces of armor they collected over the years proved too much for their previous home to store. Wanting to show off the collection rather than pack it away, the couple followed through on their dream of building and living in their own castle. The swords, shields, polearms, tapestries, and furniture now displayed in the Great Hall reflect their shared passion, as do the Thailand fighting swords they gave each other as wedding gifts.

Hosting living history tours for schoolchildren is a special treat for the couple. In full costume, Mahalko and Homer lead their guests on a tour from the Greco/Roman and Viking eras through the

Renaissance, with stops that include pirates and the Far East along the way.

Castle events have included weddings, reunions, and feasts at the forty-seat table, plus lessons in crafts, martial arts, sword training, and more. Plans are on the books for adding a jousting field, an archery range, a forge, and a barn for Scottish highland cattle and Belgian draft horses. Their ranch-style home in the castle basement also houses their Great Dane, Quattro.

"I learned that no matter what happens, keep going," said Mahalko, a former police officer, professional wrestler, and nutritionist. "If we can help some people along the way, share something with them that brightens their lives, then we've done our job."

Read the full article about Mahalko and Dane Castle, with photos, at www.iup.edu/publications/iupmag.

INAUGURATION SET

IUP will celebrate the inauguration of its twenty-fourth president, Tony Atwater, with events planned for October 5-7, just before Homecoming. A formal inauguration and investiture will take place October 6.

Michael Hood, dean of the College of Fine Arts, is chairing the event's preparation committee and is working with more than sixty

volunteers who responded to an invitation to help plan the ceremony and associated activities.



CLASS ACT

IUP's performance at the Region II Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival last semester was a class act, culminating in three awards.

Attending the three-day festival were, among others, Brett Mack of Indiana, who earned the Region II Irene Ryan acting scholarship; Andrea Myers of Hatboro, who earned first alternate for the stage management award; Cory Bishop of Greensburg, who earned the Region II makeup award honorable mention; and Phil Keeling of Fort Bragg, N.C., whose ten-minute play *We and the Queen* was performed.

Mack is the first IUP student in twenty years to earn the award, which was established by the late Irene Ryan, perhaps best known as Granny Clampett in *The Beverly Hillbillies*. He and his acting partner, student Johnny Smith of Blairsville, appeared at the Kennedy Center's national festival in April.

(A FEW) VITAL STATISTICS

IUP has the largest international student population in the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education. In the 2004-2005 academic year, nearly seven hundred students from more than seventy countries studied at the university. The top six countries from which students come: Taiwan, Malaysia, South Korea, Japan, and China and India (tied).

Some two hundred IUP students are expected to study overseas in the coming academic year. Their destinations (in order of popularity): Spain, Australia, United Kingdom, Mexico, France, and Germany.

TRUNKFUL OF DREAMS

When summer signals a break from teaching high school English and journalism, Andy Hawk '88 throws his guitar in the car trunk and travels around the country to hit open mic nights, singing and playing his own music. He always wanted to record his songs and have his own tour, eventually realizing that making his dreams realities was in his hands. Hawk's first CD, *Moth Crazy*, is now available at www.cdbaby.com, and he is preparing to film a cross-country documentary. Tentatively titled *Hawk Across America*, the film will be about regular people who don't want to give up their dreams.

"Last year, a friend and I talked about how millions of people have

"It made us think, 'Why do people quit?'"

dreams when they're young, but at some point just tuck them away and label them childish," Hawk said. "It made us think, 'Why do people quit?' Why can't you keep some of that alive, even if you're never going to be famous or make money from it?"

Starting from their home base of Frederick, Md., Hawk and his friends will hop around the country, interviewing people along the way about what they've always wanted to do. "It's a story about not being afraid to keep doing what you love," said Hawk. "It doesn't matter if nothing ever sells, what matters is 'I did it, and it's been terrific.'"

For more about Andy Hawk's travels, read the full article at www.iup.edu/publications/iupmag.



Andy Hawk

IN ASSOCIATION

The IUP Alumni Association started its program year at the beginning of July with the following newly elected members: Sandra Hoover Diefenderfer '67; Matthew Konetschni '95, M'98; Ellen Sylves Ruddock '66; and Michael Staub '80.

Officers for 2005-2006 are David Mawhinney '86, David Reddecliff '82, Cate BurgerLeister '78, and Gregory Steve '88.

Activities sponsored by the association include award programs for Distinguished Alumni and Young Alumni Ambassadors, admissions recruitment, career mentoring, and reunions and gatherings across the U.S. In contrast to some big universities, alumni at IUP automatically become association members upon their graduation.

“WHAT THEY SAID”

HARRISBURG (PA.)
PATRIOT-NEWS:

"Typically, women prisoners were at some time victims of emotional, physical or sexual abuse, said Rosemary Gido, a criminology professor at Indiana University of Pennsylvania. 'It's a common thread of the history of women in prison,' the former director of policy for the New York Commission on Corrections said. An inmate in a women's prison most commonly is a thief with a drug addiction, she said. Society likes to stereotype women who commit murder but that is wrong, Gido said. Each case must be examined individually, she said." ("Death Row Loneliness Lies Ahead for Woman," by John Beauge, April 24, 2005)

PITTSBURGH POST-GAZETTE:

"Lack of knowledge among America's young about the sacrifices, successes and mistakes in Vietnam could make them vulnerable. That's Steve Jackson's fear. Jackson, a professor of political science at Indiana University of Pennsylvania, said students in his Introduction to American Politics course have little if any knowledge about the Vietnam War and its lessons. He finds that appalling, especially in light of the U.S.'s current involvement in Iraq. 'Oftentimes, in world history courses, high school teachers only get to World War II and then the school year's over,' Jackson said. 'Unfortunately, high school curriculums are taught in a fairly black-and-white manner, which is what school boards demand. They don't want nuanced positions, they want right and wrong, and World War II is a great story of right and wrong. Vietnam is a much more complicated thing to teach, and high school teachers tend to shy away from it.'" ("Vietnam's Lost Lessons," by Michael A. Fuoco, April 29, 2005)

THE HONORS COLLEGE

CHRONICLES



Keith Boyer

THE SMART

By Shelley Cook

Brigid Mooney was the first female to attend Cambridge University's Sidney Sussex College math program in four years. She is IUP's first Goldwater Scholar, and she is the first to admit she procrastinates with assignments.

Few college resumes boast the caliber of Mooney's three pages of accomplishments. Mooney was one of three hundred math, science, and engineering students nationwide to win the 2003 Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship. She was also a 2004 finalist in the Arizona Rhodes Scholarship Competition and a 2004 finalist in the New York Regional Marshall Scholarship Competition. She completed her last two undergraduate semesters in England, while completing a mathematics degree

and minors in history and physics.

At the Fall, 2004, orientation at Sidney Sussex, university coordinators divided students into groups based on academic subject.

"I was the only girl in the [math] bunch, so for a few days I was called 'the girl,'" Mooney said during the spring semester. A few days later, she said another female student arrived from Hong Kong. "... So now there are two of us, and the guys have had to learn our names."

Lynn Botelho, History professor, joked that "getting her application in on time" for Cambridge is Mooney's biggest academic accomplishment so far, but reiterated the importance of acceptance into the program, calling Cambridge the "college of Isaac Newton."

Botelho taught Mooney in her first IUP semester and first

honors college class and said Mooney stood out because "she excels in math and science, but possesses the sensibility and skills of a student in the humanities."

This is not the first time Mooney, who came to IUP from Tucson, Ariz., studied abroad. In 2003, she studied mathematical problem-solving and creativity under Hungarian mathematicians in Budapest. She also studied rotational motion and philosophy of mathematics at Cambridge University science summer school in 2002. For the past two summers, she worked on cryptology at the Department of Defense. She has earned numerous awards for academic talents.

All of Mooney's academic accomplishments come with some hesitation, said Botelho, who estimates Mooney's only flaw as being that "she rarely admits she is smart."

"She's not arrogant," Botelho said. "She hates being called smart. I think it's because she realizes there is a responsibility for her math gifts. She knows she's good. But she knows there are other people who are as good as she is."

Scholarships donated by Robert E. Cook, the benefactor of the Honors College, funded much of Mooney's academic endeavors beyond IUP, said Rick Kutz,

Honors College assistant director.

Mooney said she has not achieved a few things that she set out to do.

"I wasn't awarded a graduate fellowship [Rhodes] that I applied for earlier this year, I still can't get problem eight on my logic homework, and I never did lose those few pounds I gained in Hungary."

She will begin a doctoral program in math at the University of Pennsylvania in the fall. As an undergraduate, she said she learned that few things ever go as planned. "Maybe it's a naive way of looking at it, but I rather like to hold out hope that it will all work out for the best, and if I fail at something now, it could be leading me on a different, better path for the future."

Shelley Cook, a student in the Robert E. Cook Honors College, is a journalism and political science major. She studied abroad at the University of Nancy II in France and completed a year-long National Student Exchange to the University of Alabama. Cook interned with the Public Affairs Office in the United States Army at Fort Knox, Ky. She is completing a public affairs internship at the Department of Labor in Washington, D.C. In the fall she will work for Pennsylvania Speaker of the House John Perzel in Harrisburg. Cook plans a May, 2006, graduation.



Keith Boyer

HONORS COLLEGE

Junior Anthropology major Skye Flynn is the first IUP student to earn a Phi Kappa Phi Study Abroad Grant. Thirty-eight \$1,000 grants are awarded annually by the national honor society. Flynn, enrolled in the Robert E. Cook Honors Col-

lege, will use the grant to support her participation in the Tel Rehov project, a major excavation between the Dead Sea and the Sea of Galilee near the Jordanian border. The excavation is part of the continuing Beth-Shean Valley Archaeological Project and led by a faculty member from Institute Hebrew University in Jerusalem. Flynn, a member of Phi Kappa Phi, is a member of the Anthropology Club and has worked for IUP's Archaeological Services. She is also the Social Service Coordinator for the Honors College.

Tom Bogacz is the first IUP student to win first prize at the annual Europe: East and West Undergraduate Research Symposium sponsored by the University of Pittsburgh Center for International Studies. A senior French for International Trade and Economics major, Bogacz submitted his paper, "Investment Enigma: Determinants of U.S. Foreign Direct Investment in Europe."



STUDENT TRUSTEE: Honors College student Chelsea Grove has completed her first year as the student member of the IUP Council of Trustees. From Indiana, she is a Finance major who studied Arabic in Egypt last summer. She will continue to serve on the council through her graduation next spring. At left is Trustee Mark Holman, while Council of Trustees secretary David Osikowicz is at right.

Swimming Stars and Dr. Lepley

That was a great article in the Spring issue of *IUP Magazine* about the two gentlemen from Poland and the records they set. Records are made to be broken! Please forward my congratulations on to them and their coach.

I was one of the first record holders from years gone by, and it really tickled me to see kids kicking butt for IUP. I was one of the first male swim team members in 1968-69 to swim in the new pool at IUP, and I can't tell you how proud I was to see my name on the record board in the field house pool. Dr. Gene Lepley was our coach, and at that time nobody had heard of swim goggles. Dr. Lepley bought us rubber diving goggles to experiment with. He was one of the first coaches to use underwater filming of his swimmers to analyze strokes, and I was one of the first naughty kids to abuse this technology as a lifeguard by filming shots of girls diving into the diving tank at university free swim. We have come a long way, Baby!!

Until a month or two ago, I was principal of a school in Arizona and have now retired after thirty years in education. I know Dr. Lepley has passed on, and I never had a chance to thank him for his guidance and understanding of a young man who was full of mischief and energy. I wish the young Polish stars all the luck, and I hope they are lucky enough to have a coach as great as Dr. Lepley.

*Rich Clawson '72
Glendale, Ariz.*

Taste of Home

Greetings from Far Away, I just wanted to say that I received the latest issue of *IUP Magazine*. It gets sent to my home then forwarded with the rest of my mail. It is a nice taste of home. I really appreciate it. Keep up the good work. Thanks!

*1st Sgt. Kelly Luster '01, M'03
Baghdad, Iraq*

Mislaken Identity

Let me tell you what I think is a funny story.

I received your pledge card and paid my pledge, in full, about a month ago. I was surprised when I received the enclosed pledge card but decided my donation hadn't been processed yet.

About a week later, I received a thank-you from Indiana University. I live in Indianapolis but have never given to IU, only to IUP. Somehow, IU solicited me, and I inadvertently donated to them. You can understand how easy that would be...IU vs. IUP...even the school colors are similar! All of my Hoosier friends have gotten quite a laugh out of this. Thought you would, too.

Here is my donation to Indiana University OF PENNSYLVANIA!

*Cynthia Neville Sabuda '78
Indianapolis, Ind.*



LESSONS FROM THE BALLROOM: Beverly Roberts-Atwater told Music Department graduating seniors in May that life has a lot in common with ballroom dancing. "I have had a great dance partner, [President] Tony Atwater, who supported me in my choices," she said. Showing footage of a dance competition, she explained that, as a physician, she had treated the injuries of some of the participants. Despite life's risks, she said,

she shared the sentiment of a Lee Ann Womack song, "...when you get the choice to sit it out or dance, I hope you dance."

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Designation of Codes

- AA Associate of Arts Degree
- CA Academy of Culinary Arts
- D Doctoral Degree
- M Master's Degree



STILL CHALKING: Peter Groya finished his entry in last spring's edition of the annual Chalk on the Walk competition in the Oak Grove.

1920s

Lake Wales, Fla., resident RUTH HOCHBERG WOODRUFF '21 celebrated her 101st birthday on October 30, 2004. For a photograph, visit Web Extra at www.iup.edu/publications/iup-mag/webextra.

1950s

Erie residents YVONNE GALLI TRETTEL '54 and JOHN TRETTEL '55 recently celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

BARRY MOORE '55, Illinois State University professor emeritus of art, curator of the International Collection of Child Art (www.mlb.ilstu.edu/icca), and member of the Illinois Arts Council, has circulated over fifty framed international child art exhibits throughout

the U.S. He lives in Normal, Ill., with his wife, MARY GRADLER MOORE '56.

1960s

Retired U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. GERALD GAYVERT '65 lives in Oceanside, Calif., with his wife, NANCY TIERNAN GAYVERT '66, a retired elementary school principal.

BARBARA DIVINS '68, professor of education and director of adult teacher education programs at Franklin College, lives in Greenwood, Ind.

KAREN KOOZER OLSON '68, nursing professor and outreach program coordinator at Texas A&M University, is a Fellow in the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners. She lives in Corpus Christi, Tex., with her husband, William.

1970s

ROBERT BRIDGES '70, associate professor and head of the applied psychology program at Penn State New Kensington, received the 2005 Milton S. Eisenhower Award for Distinguished Teaching. He lives in Lower Burrell with his wife, MICHELE STONE BRIDGES '69, M'84.

Retired after twenty-eight years in the U.S. Army Reserves, Lt. Col. BARBARA BERKOFF BLOOM '71 is a public health program administrator with the Pennsylvania Department of Health. She lives in Hummelstown with her husband, Ira.

ROBERT KEMMERY '71, executive director of the Governor's Commission on Quality Education in Maryland, lives in Owings Mills with his wife, CATHRIN WILLISON KEMMERY '71.

After thirty years as a speech/language clinician, DORINA BRUCE SAUL '71 is a special education facilitator for the Harrisburg School District. She lives in Camp Hill with her husband, RICHARD SAUL '70.

DALE EDWARDS '72 received a distinguished service award in the field of juvenile justice from the Florida Council on Crime and Delinquency for his work as program director for the Panther Success Center. He now works for Partners for Prevention in West Palm Beach, Fla., and lives in Loxahatchee with his wife, Toni.

After thirty-three years at Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C., BETSY KIPILA '72 retired to live in Uniontown, Pa.

GAYLE FRIUNDEL FARABAUGH '73, an accountant with the Pennsylvania Central Services Comptroller's Office, received a supervisory excellence award. She lives in Eters, Pa., with her husband, ROBERT FARABAUGH '72.

DAVID BRODAR '74, associate director of human resources at Northeastern Hospital in Philadelphia, lives in Exton with his wife, MELDINE NICHOLAS BRODAR '74.

The associate dean for clinical education at the University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing, HELEN BURNS '74 lives in Latrobe.

JERRY ESPOSITO '74, director of stores for Christmas Tree Shops, lives in East Sandwich, Mass., with his wife, Karen.

JACQUELYN CAHILL LILLY '74 of Charleston, W.Va., graduated *magna cum laude* from Marshall University and is a staff accountant at the firm of Gibbon and Kawash.

A medical technologist with Rochester General Hospital's chem-

Awards

ical lab, KYRA TROYAN NIKIEWICZ '74 lives in Rochester, N.Y., with her husband, Dave.

JOHN RHILTY '74, vice president and treasurer of Consol Energy, Inc., lives in Wexford, Pa., with his wife, Amy, and their two children.

JOHN STODDARD '74, a corporate real estate broker with Albert B. Ashforth, Inc., lives in Stamford, Conn., with his wife, Judy.

DOUGLAS WATKINS '74 received the Pitt/GSPJA Alumni of the Year award. He is the township manager of the Township of Upper St. Clair, where he lives with his wife, Clare.

The associate dean of the School of Nursing at Robert Morris University, LYNN GEORGE SCHRINER '75 lives in Baden, Pa., with her husband, Robert.

MARYLOU ASTORINO '77 received her Doctor of Audiology degree from Arizona School of Health Sciences and works at Ear, Nose, and Throat Associates of

Johnstown, where she lives with her husband, Andrew Fedore, and their son, Max.

Vice president and CEO of the Texas A&M Research Foundation, LEO PATRICK '77 lives in College Station, Tex.

THOMAS WINDRAM '77, managing director in the national tax office of RSM McGladrey, lives in Eden Prairie, Minn., with his wife, MARTHA WHITMAN WINDRAM '78.

Vice president—tax of Consol Energy, Inc., GARY BINCH AA'78, '81 lives in Pittsburgh with his wife, Dawn, and children, Lindsay and Erin.

MARK FRANK '78, a member of IUP Orienteering Club from 1974 to 1978, and his wife, Mary, were awarded the 2004 Silva Award by the United States Orienteering Federation. They live in Spring City, Pa., with their children, Robert and Michelle, and can be contacted at orienteer7@aol.com.

A nursing professor at Gaston College, PEGGY SORRELLI TRUEMAN '78 received her doctorate in technology

Most Outstanding Program Award

Presented by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education and the Association of Student Advancement Programs, to the IUP Ambassadors, IUP's Student Alumni Association

President's Medal of Distinction

To Omah Duggan and the late Robert Duggan, in recognition of their contributions to the university

Friend of Higher Education Award

Presented by IUP APSCUE, the faculty union, to State Representative Sam Smith of Punxsutawney, who also serves on the IUP Council of Trustees

Legislative Fellowship

Presented by IUP APSCUE, the faculty union, to State Representative Tom Stevenson of Allegheny County

Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship

To Thomas Baker, a senior from Bloomsburg, Pa. Only the second student in IUP history to be named a Goldwater Scholar, Baker also received a Phi Kappa Phi National Fellowship.

Honorary Doctor of Science

To James Loy, retired admiral and commandant, U. S. Coast Guard, during the May commencement ceremony

Distinguished Faculty Awards

Based on recommendations from the University Senate and awarded during the university's Honors Day celebration, the awards were bestowed on the following faculty members.

For Teaching, James Jozefowicz, Department of Economics
For Creative Arts, Chauna Craig, Department of English
For Research, Wang Xi, Department of History
For Service, Gail Sechrist, Department of Geography and Regional Planning

IUP Center for Family Business Distinguished Family Business Award

To Gorell Industries of Indiana

education from Clemson University. She lives in Gastonia, N.C., with her husband, Dan.

A special education teaching assistant with Amphitheater Public Schools, LAURA SNYDER-EWENS '79 lives in Tucson, Ariz., with her husband, Bob, and their two sons.

ANDREW KOHUT '79, president of Chesapeake Corporation, lives in Midlothian, Va., with his wife, Rose.

MARK "CISCO" MSZYCO '79, a cost accounting manager for Ametek, and his wife, SUSAN SULLIVAN MSZYCO '83, a contract school psychologist, live in

Allegheny Township (Kiski Area School District) with their children, Steven, Meagan, Danny, and Zach.

1980s

SHERRY KNAPP-BROWN '80, CEO of the Hamilton County (Ohio) Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services Board, received the Piepenbrink Award from the National Council for Community Behavioral Healthcare. She lives in Fairfield with her husband, Barry.

GREG "DOBIE" MOSER '80, executive director of the Youth and Young Adult Ministry and CYO Catholic Charities, Diocese of Cleveland, received the National Excellence in



WORTHY OF DISTINCTION: At the Indiana community's annual Leaders' Circle event last spring, IUP president Tony Atwater presented the President's Medal of Distinction to Omah Duggan and posthumously to Robert Duggan, in recognition of their contributions to the university. The president and CEO of S&T Bancorp, Robert Duggan had served on the Foundation for IUP Board of Directors for twelve years and had been a member of IUP's Council of Trustees from 1999 until his death last year. Also in the photo are son Michael and his wife, Joanne Duggan.

Training Award at the 2004 National Conference on Catholic Youth Ministry. He lives in Strongsville, Ohio, with his wife, LISA SERRA MOSER '80, and seven children, including their newest daughter, Natalie.

AMY SHAFER-CRAWLEY '82, a healing arts practitioner and certified reflexologist, volunteers at the Hospital for Joint Diseases/Initiative for Women with Disabilities. She lives in New York City with her husband, Jim, and can be reached at ethericjourneys@yahoo.com.

GREG JACOB D'82, assistant professor of English and director of the writing intensive courses at Portland State University, published *Fins, Finns, and Astorians*—a book on the

gillnet fishing industry and the Finnish community in Astoria, Oregon. He lives in Hillsboro with his wife, Kelly.

A certified research administrator, CHERYL STRINER VOGRIK '82 is coordinator of pre-award grant activities for the Sponsored Research Office at California University of Pennsylvania. She lives in North Strabane with her husband, Ken, and daughters, Amy and Allie Jo.

LOU D'ANGELO '83, president of D'Angelo Financial Services and author of *The Granger Brothers: In Their Own Words* (see Bookends in this issue), lives in Allison Park, Pa., with his wife, Mary, and three daughters.

Pittsburgh resident RICK DAVIS '83 is a sports copy editor for the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*.

After twenty-one years of service, JESSICA HODGE '83 retired from the Texas Air National Guard. She lives in Grand Prairie, Tex.

GREGORY TURLINGTON '83, president and CEO of Excalibur Digital Solutions (www.goexcalibur.com), lives in Springfield, Pa., with his wife, Deborah.

ARTHUR WOODS '83 received his Ph.D. in Information Systems and Communications from Robert Morris University. He lives in Cranberry Township with his wife, Charlene, and sons, Robert and Art, Jr.

CORI "GRINNY" TEMPLIN '85, general manager of the NASCAR Speedpark at the St. Louis Mills Mall, lives in St. Charles, Mo., with his wife, LAURIE LAMBERT TEMPLIN '82, and their sons, Steel and Evan.

For thirteen years, JOHN WIDMANN '85, music teacher and chorus director at Saint John's Regional Catholic School, has been city carillonist for Frederick, Md., where he lives with his wife, Diane, and their sons, Hans and Martin.

Westmoreland County Community College professor and Greensburg resident MARY ZAPPONE M'85 received the college's Outstanding Teaching Award for 2005 and was named Chef of the Year by the American Culinary Federation, Laurel Highlands Chapter.

An attorney with Colombo and Stuhr, DOREEN WEINBERGER SEAMON '86 received her law degree from the West Virginia University College of Law. She lives in Morgantown with her husband, Dennis.

Cleveland resident TIMOTHY WARNER '86, a lawyer with Spieth, Bell, McCurdy, and Newell, is chairman of the Cleveland Bar Association's litigation section and was listed for the second year in a row as an Ohio Superlawyer by *Cincinnati Magazine* and *Law and Politics*.

The wedding ceremony of Hellertown, Pa., residents LORI CALLAWAY '87 and Gilles Beneyton included bridesmaid ALLISON FAULK GUSMUS '88.

JAMES CONRAD '87, president of Pinnacle Financial Strategies, lives in Cranberry Township with his wife, Debbie.

DIANNE ROHR DEVINE '87, an account representative for Corporate Express, lives in Chalfont, Pa., with her husband, Rob.

BILL DISKIN '87, M'90, director of admission and marketing at York Country Day School, was selected to be the Poet Laureate of York for the next two years. He lives in the city with his wife, NICOLE DIMOND '89, and their children, Chloe, Jake, Ben, and Elliott.



NEW AT NORTHPOINTE: After forty-three years in Kittanning, the Armstrong Campus is moving to Northpointe and will open its new facility off Route 28 this fall. The campus recently received a \$200,000 Workforce Leadership Grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development to enhance its programs in electro-optics. Traditional coursework is also offered, leading both to bachelor's degrees and to graduate degrees in education, industrial and labor relations, and nursing.

PI DAY: Wacky professors and a good cause add up to Pi Day. To raise money and awareness for the local United Way, the Math Department set up a pie operation on Pi Day, March 14 (3.14, get it?). For a buck, students could rub pies in the faces of their favorite professors. Briana Hollern pays homage to Professor John Lattanzia, while Professor Ed Donley awaits his next pie.



The Noodlebug Brass, all professors in IUP's Music Department, played a brass quintet concert at the Washington Memorial Chapel in Valley Forge National Historical Park in May. From left: Gary Bird, tuba; John Scandrett, French horn; Christian Dickinson, trombone; David Ferguson, trumpet; Kevin Eisensmith '78, trumpet.

BOOKENDS & MORE

A recording and live sound engineer for more than twenty-three years, **ERIC HELL '87**, owner of the Loft Recording Studio in Atlanta (www.TheLoftAtlanta.com), lives in Lawrenceville, Ga.

The wedding ceremony of **LISA AGOSTINI '88** and Mark DiSora included bridesmaids **JEAN DEPIETRESS ALLIGRINI '88**, **SHERY GRADY PERRY '89**, **NANCY PASTOR DELUCA '88**, **NANCY ANDRASKO WADDING '88**, **KELLY CARSON BILLSTONE '88**, and **SUSAN HUSKUTIAK DRECHSEL '88**. The couple resides in Pittsburgh where they both work for FedEx Services.

ANDY HAWK '88, an English and journalism teacher at Loudoun County (Va.) High School, lives in Frederick, Md.

An audioprosthologist and owner of a Miracle-Ear franchise, **PATRICK KOCHANOWSKI '89** was named the company's 2004 Rookie of the Year. He lives in Murrysville, Pa., with his wife, Cheryl, and daughter, Rachel.

JEEREY MORAN '89, director of public relations, events, and sponsorship for the Absolut Spirits Co., lives in Maplewood, N.J.

1990s

ERIC FOX '90 and his wife, Agnes, opened their second pharmacy in 2004 (www.compoundingrxapothecary.com). They live in Berwyn, Pa., with their baby girl, Tesla, and older daughter, Victoria.

After working with the IUP Small Business Development Center and the business department, **SUSAN ZAIDEL PAONESSA '90, M'92** opened Paonessa's Lighting Solutions in the Johnstown building that once housed a grocery store owned by the grandparents of her husband, John.

KRISTEN KAROESKI LUCAS '91 lives in Wisconsin Rapids, Wis., with her husband, Daniel, and children, McKeon and Teal.

Executive assistant for Governor M. Jodi Rell, **CAROLYN VARLEY**

Based on two hundred letters written on Civil War battlefields, *The Granger Brothers: In Their Own Words* is a compilation by **Lou D'Angelo '83**, of Allison Park, Pa. Produced by Infinity Publishing, it carries letters by John and Luther Granger, who served with the Fifty-seventh Pennsylvania Veteran Volunteers.

Sam's Widow, a contemporary romance mystery set on Florida's Sanibel Island, has been released by Authorhouse. Penned by **Rose Marie Marshall France '60** of Fort Myers, the story is about a woman who must rebuild her life after witnessing her husband's assassination.

CAGGIANO '92 lives in Bristol, Conn., with her husband, Joseph.

JAMIE EVENS '92, a marketing manager for Adelphia Cable, lives in Turtlepoint, Pa., with his wife, **DENISE MCNEIL EVENS '00**, a special education teacher in the Boliver-Richburg (N.Y.) School District, and their children, Allison, Jade, and Drew.

BETH GROSSI D'92, a criminal justice professor at the University of Louisville, is a lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army Reserve and serves as inspector general with the Eastern Region, based at Fort Knox.

JEEREY MAINS '92, an associate director with Bristol-Myers Squibb, lives in Hoboken, N.J.

HOPE WALTER BASSETT '93, M'95, a speech-language pathologist for Schreiber Pediatric Rehab Center in Lancaster, Pa., lives in Abingdon, Md., with her husband, Robert.

MARK COY '93, M'97, director of human resources for Respirationics, Inc., Hospital Division, lives in San Diego with his wife, **KARYN PLIVEIC COY '94**.

Joe Killiany '00 of Washington, D.C., and friends have started a literary magazine. *Barrelhouse* appears in print twice a year and features fiction, poetry, interviews, and essays about music, art, and pop culture. Joe serves as co-editor.

Retired retail clothing buyer **Eileen Potter Kopelman '68** of New Kensington, Pa., has written a how-to paint book, *"Art Talk, A Practical Guide to Painting and Drawing."* produced through Infinity Publishing. The book is aimed at beginning to intermediate adult painters and covers watercolor and other media, perspective, and how to paint things.

Through the *North American Journal of Psychology*, **Lynn McCutcheon '67** of Winter Garden, Fla., and several collaborators have published *Celebrity Worshipers: Inside the Minds of Stargazers*. The book is an analysis of why society feeds on the fantasies of celebrities and what variables may turn a healthy respect for celebrities into an unhealthy preoccupation.

Tate Publishing has released *Sleeping Angel: A True Story of a Mother of a Stillborn Baby* by **Anna Marie Geisler Smith '90** of Winston-Salem, N.C. Determined to help parents of stillborn children, Smith received her inspiration for the book after losing her own son.



IN CONCEPT: At the May meeting of the IUP Council of Trustees, architects for the Regional Development Center and Sports Complex presented a prototype of the facility, conceptually located along Wayne Avenue. The center will feature arena, office, and conference space for use by the university, the community, and the John P. Murtha Institute for Homeland Security. In the foreground is the intersection area of Wayne Avenue and Hospital Road. A roadway passes through the building under an archway, connecting Wayne Avenue with Pratt Drive. In the background are such existing facilities as Miller Stadium, Memorial Field House, and the Eberly College.

Highspire resident **TAMARA MILLEN '93**, a teacher of students with multiple disabilities in the Harrisburg City School District, received her master's degree in community psychology from Penn State University.

CHRISTA KOLLAR BRAHLER '95, a counselor with Burke Counseling Services, lives in Grove City, Pa., with her husband, Max, and son, Luke.

KIMBERLY WASHOK JONES M'95, science and education director for the Palmetto Bluff Conservancy, lives in Bluffton, S.C., with her husband, Robert.

JIM LEDA '95, assistant vice president and senior analyst at Merrill Lynch, was guest luncheon speaker at IUP's Business Day XXVII. He lives in New York City with his wife, **LESLEI VANDERHOOF LEDA '98**.

Chiropractor **BRYAN MOCK '95** lives in Oakdale, Pa., with his wife, Sandra, and daughter, Victoria.

Allison Park resident **KATRINA PYO '95**, M'04 is a registered nurse at

Allegheny General Trauma-Surgical ICU and a nursing faculty member at IUP.

Optometrist **ERIC WALKER '95** lives in McDonald, Pa., with his wife, **RAYSHILLE KARAS WALKER '95**, an elementary teacher in the Fort Cherry School District.

MELANIE MONAGHAN BRADBURN '96, a radio DJ on Star 100.7 under the name Melanie Taylor, lives in Pittsburgh with her husband, Jason, and daughter, Quinn.

KERIN BAXTER HOFFMANN '96 and her husband, Jason, were both deployed to Tikrit, Iraq, just six months after marrying. Both

sergeants, they are now stationed in Bamberg, Germany, with the U.S. Army 1st Infantry Division Band, in which Kerin is the rear detachment bugler.

ROBIN FIORE TATE '96, a teacher of the deaf and hard of hearing for the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit, received her M.S. in Reading from Gwynedd-Mercy College. She lives in Hatfield, Pa., with her husband, Jeffrey, and daughter, Reagan.

The wedding ceremony of **KATHLEEN WERNER '96**, a manager with a CPA firm, and Michael McLeod included matron of honor **BETHANY CAMPBELL FORD '96** and bridesmaids **JULIE GRACE '96** and **ANDREA REBHOLZ KIRTLEY '96**. The couple lives in Lighthouse Point, Fla.

CHERIE CINQUINO LAGOMARSINO '97, employed by Verizon, lives in Elmwood Park, N.J., with her husband, Scott.

KIMBERLY BETZ LEAHY '97 is completing her Ph.D. in Telecommunication Policy at Florida State University and received a Fulbright Scholarship for the 2005-2006 academic year to conduct research at Vilnius University in Lithuania. She lives in Tallahassee with her husband, John.

CHERYL DIETZ TURK '97, a teacher for the Homer-Center (Pa.) School District, lives in Homer City with her husband, Richard, and son, Isaac.

MICHAEL CONDRON '98, a United States Capitol police officer, helped apprehend and drag away the "Capitol suitcase" man. He lives in Bowie, Md., with his wife, Neysa, and daughter, Hailey.

JAMIE GHEN '98, an associate with the firm of Conrad, O'Brien, Gellman, and Rohn, lives in Wynnewood, Pa.

MATTHEW HILTY '98, chief detective and owner of OC Investigations (www.ocinvestigations.com), lives in Ocean City, Md.

CHRIS IACARUSO '98 is legislative

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DIRECT FROM WALL STREET: Merrill Lynch assistant vice president and senior analyst Jim Leda '95 talked about economic competition posed by China at Business Day last spring and also spoke informally with students. From left: Ida Bormentar, Eric Palmer, and Razia Hassan.



ON TRACK: The Punxsutawney Living Learning Center rose last spring, with plans on course for occupancy by nearly two hundred students this fall. A new academic building and commons facility is also in the works. Meanwhile, at a glittering gathering at the Punxsutawney Weather Center in May, members of the Punxsutawney Area College Trust and other campus supporters heard President Tony Atwater announce the Campaign for the Punxsutawney Campus. According to Atwater, "The Punxsutawney campaign is of utmost importance in promoting IUP's commitment to educational and student success."

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assistant for U.S. Representative Collin Peterson. He lives in Washington, D.C., with his wife, ANITA IRWIN IACARUSO '98, a program analyst for the U.S. Department of Energy.

A human resources assistant at St. Andrew's Village, MELISSA TOWNSEND-FISHER '99, M'00 lives in Indiana with her husband, Chris, and son, Mason.

2000s

DENISE MC NEIL EVENS '00, a special education teacher in the Boliver-Richburg (N.Y.) School District, lives in Turtlepoint, Pa., with her husband,

JAMIE EVENS '92, a marketing manager for Adelpia Cable, and their children, Allison, Jade, and Drew.

CHERRI HART '00 lives in Washington, D.C., where she is office manager for the nonprofit group Fight Crime: Invest in Kids.

BETH ANN LASH NOVAK '00, director of Youth Literacy Program Development for Reading Is FUNDamental of Pittsburgh, received her master's degree from the University of Pittsburgh in Education as a reading specialist. She lives in Monroeville with her husband, Kevin, and daughter, Kaitlyn.

Indiana resident JULIE GOMBOS '01 teaches interior design classes at IUP.

MEGAN LUROWIST HENSINGER '01 and her husband, Brandon, live in Apex, N.C.

The wedding ceremony of DuBois residents KELLY HILTABIDLE '01, a physical education teacher in the Clearfield School District, and JOHN KASKAN '04, the planning and community development coordinator for Jefferson County, included maid of honor LAURIN EBERHARDT '04; bridesmaids SHANNON HOEFMAN FRANK '00, MARY CONNELLY '03, and CHRISTINE RUTH '00; best man

JOSHUA ROSENBERGER '01; and groomsmen JASON VALAZAK '00.

ERIN GILL JOHNSON '01 and her husband, BRIIT JOHNSON '02, both work at St. Mary's County Public Schools, she as a teacher and he as a teacher and football coach. They live in Callaway, Md.

GINA LENOX '01 is one of three people, and the first woman ever, to be selected for the 2005 National Band Association's Conductors Mentoring Program, and she conducted a piece with the U.S. Air Force Band at a concert during the NBA conference at Illinois State University. Lenox lives in Southampton, Pa., and is the band director at Log College Middle School.

COURENLY PITT '01 is manager of Kitty Hawk Sports and lives in Kitty Hawk, N.C.

NICHOLE CARD '02 married KIRK FLICKINGER '00 in a ceremony that included bridesmaids MELISSA BISHOP '03 and DANIELLE GORMAN '03. They live in Highland Springs, Va., with their son, Aiden.

The wedding ceremony of Mechanicsburg, Pa., residents TIM GOLDING '02 and LISA NISSELY '02 included maid of honor KATY GRESH '02, best man DAVE GOIDING '96, groomsmen JOHN NAVARO '01, and bridesmaids KATE GOLDING REGULA '94, M'95 and NICOLE DAVIS '02.

Second lieutenant JOHN MACHAK '03 returned from his second tour of duty in Iraq with a Bronze Star Medal, the fourth highest award given to servicemen. He lives in Fort Knox, Ky., with his wife, JULIE PRZEPIERSKI '03.

Allison Park resident KATRINA PYO '95, M'04 is a registered nurse at Allegheny General Trauma-Surgical ICU and a nursing faculty member at IUP.

Weddings

1970s

BILL ANDERSON '70, M '73 to BECKY SNYDER '75, April 1, 2005.

1980s

SHERRY KNAPP '80 to Barry Brown, January 22, 2005. LAURIE LAMMERT

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CAROLYN VARLEY '92 to Joseph Caggiano, October 16, 2004. MARK COY '93, M'97 to KARYN PLIVELIC '94, September 4, 2004. HOPE WALTER '93, M'95 to Robert Bassett, April 23, 2005. KATHLEEN WERNER '96 to Michael McLeod, April 23, 2005. CHERIE CINQUINO '97 to Scott Lagomarsino, October 29, 2004. JOHN KOGEL '97 to Bernadette Colanero, December 4, 2004. SEACLY ROW '97 to Thomas Fisher, June 28, 2003.

2000s

AUTUMN CARR '00, M'01 to Matthew Sprys, July 12, 2002. KIRK FLICKINGER '00 to NICHOLE CARD '02, August 16, 2003. BETH ANN LASH '00 to Kevin Novak, October 25, 2003. ERIN GILL '01 to BRETT JOHNSON '02, July 26, 2003. KELLY HILTABIDLI '01 to JOHN KASKAN '04, June 12, 2004. MEGAN LUROWIST '01 to Brandon Hensinger, December 27, 2003. SHANNON MILLER '01 to HARRY YEAKEL '01, May 28, 2005. TIM GOLDING '02 to LISA NISSELY '02, November 29, 2003.

Arrivals

1980s

To GREG "DOBIE" MOSER '80 and LISA MARIE SERRA MOSER '80, a daughter, Natalie Serra, December 25, 2004. To MATT AREZINA '86 and Alice Mahoney Arezina, a daughter, Lindsay Marie, December 10, 2004. To SHERINE SHAFFER YOUNG '86 and Michael Young, a daughter, Landry Kathryn, October 14, 2004. To JOSEPH WISE '87 and Mary Jo Wise, a son, Christian Joseph, May 20, 2004. To CHRIS GODA HUSTON '88 and JAMES HUSTON '88, a daughter, Erika Skye, November 1, 2004. To PATSY BRENNER KVORTEK '89, M'99 and Richard Kvortek, a daughter, Sarah Irene, December 18, 2004.



SEMPER PARATUS: Retired U.S. Coast Guard commandant James Loy received an honorary doctoral degree from IUP at May Commencement ceremonies. Loy also served as first deputy secretary of homeland security and as chief operating officer of the Transportation Security Administration. Left to right: President Tony Alwaler, Provost Mark Staszkiwicz, Loy, and Council of Trustees chairperson Susan Delaney.

Kerin Baxter Hoffmann '96 and her husband, Jason, stand in front of one of the many palaces in Tikrit, Iraq, otherwise known as F.O.B. Danger. (F.O.B. means forward operating base.) They are currently stationed in Bamberg, Germany, with the 1st Infantry Division Band. He's a bass player, and Kerin plays the trumpet. They both deployed to Tikrit in February, 2004, just six months after marrying. After spending six months together in Iraq, Kerin was brought back to be the rear detachment bugler in Germany while Jason stayed in Iraq, not returning home until February, 2005.



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Family Weekend, November 4-6

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at Shippensburg, October 1, 1:00 p.m.
Slippery Rock, October 8, 2:00 p.m.
Edinboro, October 15, 1:00 p.m.
at Lock Haven, October 22, 1:00 p.m.
at Clarion, October 29, 6:00 p.m.
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Mentors

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Mentors is a feature that highlights and reports on IUP faculty members, past and present. News of alumni who are also faculty members will continue to appear in Class Notes as well.

RETIRED HISTORY PROFESSOR STEVEN CORD, who lives in Columbia, Md., recently published *The Golden Key to Continuous Prosperity: How to Vote Yourself a Tax Break*, released by Author House. Cord also is the author of *Henry George: Dreamer or Realist?*, published by University of Pennsylvania Press, and *Society at the Crossroads*, issued by Aurora Press.

AT THE PENNSYLVANIA SCHOOL COUNSELORS ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE, **CLAIRE DANDENEAU** of the Counseling Department received the postsecondary-level Counselor Educator of the Year Award. At the same conference, **TRICIA HURTACK MURIN '97** of Ebensburg, a counselor in the Penn Cambria School district, received the association's Multi-Level School Counselor of the Year Award.

THE CRIMINOLOGY DEPARTMENT'S ROSEMARY GIDO received the first annual Lifetime Achievement Award for contributions to the field of corrections from the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Corrections Section at the annual conference in Chicago in March.

WANG XI has been selected to receive a chair professorship of China's prestigious Cheung Kong Scholars Program. Sponsored by China's Ministry of Education and the Hong Kong-based Cheung Kong Group, Inc., the program seeks to enhance China's academic competitiveness and to attract overseas academicians who are placed at China's top research universities to lead research projects. Of fourteen overseas scholars who have been awarded Cheung Kong Scholars Chair Professors in humanities and social sciences for the term of 2005-2008, he is the only historian, joining seven economists (including one Nobel Prize laureate), three statisticians, two linguists, and one legal scholar from such U.S. institutions as Harvard, Columbia, and Cornell. During his tenure, he will be expected to design and lead a research project focusing on the history of American state and nation building, teach courses, and direct graduate theses in the field of American history.

THE COMPANY WE KEEP

The Broadway productions of *Grease* and *Fiddler on the Roof* as well as the **Count Basie Orchestra with Patti Austin** came to Fisher Auditorium as part of the OnStage Arts and Entertainment Series.

Young shamisen (Japanese "guitar") player **Masahiro Nitta**, along with his father, **Hiorshi Nitta**, visited campus and performed at the invitation of the College of Fine Arts.

1990s

To **ERIC FOX '90** and Agnes Fox, a daughter, Tesla Zofia, November 5, 2004. To **WESLEY BLAIR '91** and **COURTNEY McALLISTER BLAIR '92**, a son, McAllister Paul, February 21, 2005. To **GINA MASI DECKER '91** and Jason Decker, a son, Adam Bennett, April 13, 2005. To **KRISTEN KAROLSKI LUCAS '91** and Daniel Lucas, a son, Teal Ryan, September 14, 2004. To **JAMIE EVENS '92** and **DENISE McNEIL EVENS '00**, a daughter, Jade Rian, May 24, 2003, and a son, Drew Jacob, November 22, 2004. To **DENISE SORCE MISTICK '92** and **MICHAEL MISTICK '92**, a daughter, Carly Danielle, March 18, 2004. To **ERIN DEMISSY BOYD '94** and Jeff Boyd, twins, Katelyn Alana and Mackenzie Leah, February 10, 2004. To **NAJALIE BROWN EARLEY '94** and Robert Earley, a son, Sean Joseph, June 8, 2002, and a daughter, Erin Margaret, January 16, 2005. To **AMY WOOD KENNEDY '94** and Joseph Kennedy, a daughter, Ava Grace, February 2, 2005. To **LUKE VERNA '94** and Kristina Verna, a son, Brandon Christopher, January 28, 2005. To **CHRISTIE BOEDNAR BIRO '95**, **M'98** and **SEAN BIRO '96**, twins, Jenna Christine and Kierstin Marie, April 8, 2005. To **CHRISTA KOLLAR BRAHLER '95** and Max Brahlér, a son, Luke Thomas, March 25, 2003. To **JAMES LANDIS '95** and **MARLO HILTY LANDIS '95**, twins, Alexander Marlin and Evan James, June 14, 2004. To **BRYAN MOCK '95** and Sandra Mock, a daughter, Victoria Renae, February 25, 2005. To **DEBORAH SABO YODER '95** and Ryan Yoder, a son, Aydan Ryan, April 3, 2005. To **ROBIN GOODELL BOEHRINGER '96** and Craig Boehringer, twins, Morgan Grace and Ainsley Carr, March 7, 2004. To **MELANIE MONAGHAN BRADBURN '96** and Jason Bradburn, a daughter, Quinn Arabella, April 4, 2005. To **KATHERINE GROSCH HARTMAN '96** and David Hartman, a son, David Grey, September 1, 2004. To **ROBIN FIORE TATE '96** and Jeffrey Tate, a daughter, Reagan Elizabeth, October 18, 2004. To **HEATHER BOWDEN OGLESBY '97** and Douglas Oglesby, a daughter,

Kayton Elizabeth, September 17, 2002, and a son, Trey Douglas, October 31, 2004. To **CHERYL DIES TURK '97** and Richard Turk, a son, Isaac Dean, July 7, 2004. To **COLLEEN DIVEN CONCANNON '98** and **KEVIN CONCANNON '99**, a daughter, Delaney Ann, January 5, 2005. To **MICHAEL CONDRON '98** and Neysa Condrón, a daughter, Hailey Marie, June 1, 2004. To **MELISSA TOWNSEND-FISHER '99**, **M'00** and Chris Fisher, a son, Mason Michael, February 28, 2005.

2000s

To **DENISE McNEIL EVENS '00** and **JAMIE EVENS '92**, a daughter, Jade Rian, May 24, 2003, and a son, Drew Jacob, November 22, 2004. To **KIRK FLICKINGER '00** and **NICHOLE CARD FLICKINGER '02**, a son, Aiden, December 24, 2004. To **BETH ANN LASH NOVAK '00** and Kevin Novak, a daughter, Kaitlyn Marie, October 22, 2004. To **AUTUMN CARR SPRYS '00**, **M'01** and Matthew Sprys, a son, Dominic Matthew, September 22, 2002, and a son, Shane Thomas, May 5, 2005.

Deaths

1928: Gladys Harrison Culp, Alice Doak, Margaret Broker Rankin.
1929: Helen Blose Whitacre
1931: Kathryn Deemer Grove, Beulah Campbell McCreery.
1937: Marian Hancock Diem, Irene Phillips Fair, Muriel Craig Lebo
1942: Florence Hornick Baker.
1943: Thelma Randall Jones.
1948: Paul Nealer
1954: Lillian Whiteman Neal, Mary Ann Beck Reis
1961: Bonita Grundy Sexton.
1962: Frederick McCoid.
1963: Frederick Loutsenhizer
1970: Mary Irvin Juart.
1973: Cathy Hassinger Olynky.
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Answering

SENIOR LERON MCCOY LOOKED FORWARD TO HEARING HIS NAME CALLED IN THE NFL DRAFT.

HE NEVER DID, NOT THAT HE'S COMPLAINING.

McCoy was speaking on the telephone with Arizona Cardinals head coach Dennis Green when the team selected him in the seventh round, the 226th player chosen overall. Bedlam soon reigned at the McCoy residence in Harrisburg.

"The weird thing is, I really didn't get to hear my name called because I was on the phone with Coach Green. He said they were going to pick me," noted McCoy, a fleet 6-1, 211-pound wide receiver. "I had a group of friends and my family there and right when my name came across the television screen everyone just went crazy. I couldn't even hear what Coach Green was saying. I had to leave the room."

McCoy is the sixth IUP player to receive The Call from an NFL team. Yet, there was a time when he couldn't have imagined ever joining that exclusive fraternity.

"LeRon's a guy that right off the bat you knew with his size and speed that, hey, he realistically had a chance to play at the next level," said IUP head coach Frank Cignetti.



By Bob Fulton

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"But I don't think he believed that some day this could happen. He would never take it seriously. He worked, but he didn't work like he had a purpose, like he was on a mission that he wanted to play football on Sundays."

McCoy spent the first half of his IUP career in the shadow of Carmelo Ocasio and J.R. Thomas, who embarked on arena football careers. But in his last two seasons, after redoubling his efforts, he became the go-to receiver and blossomed into one of the premier deep threats in Division II.

"You go back through the years, we've had guys here who were pretty good big-play people," Cignetti said. "I think LeRon by far is the most gifted. He has superior physical skills."

McCoy can, in football parlance, separate from coverage and stretch a defense vertically. He bedeviled secondaries in the fall of 2004, hauling in thirty-six passes for 701 yards and ten touchdowns while earning Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference West all-star honors for the third time. McCoy finished his IUP career ranked third all-time in touchdown receptions (25), fifth in receiving yards (2,096), and eighth in catches (110).

"The thing about playing wideout, it's all about production," said offensive coordinator-receivers coach Carmen Felus. "LeRon McCoy certainly produced for us when he was here. His senior year he had forty-three touches [receptions plus rushing attempts] and he scored eleven touchdowns. So one out of four times that LeRon touched the football he was going for six points. You love to have a guy like that on your team."

Which is why NFL scouts came courting throughout his final season at IUP. McCoy then morphed from hot to sizzling commodity at February's NFL combine, the annual pre-draft gathering of prospects in Indianapolis, when he ran a blistering 4.4 in the 40-yard dash, the fourth-fastest time among wide receivers. McCoy also recorded a vertical leap of thirty-seven-and-a-half inches and snagged every pass thrown his way by the likes of 2003 Heisman Trophy winner Jason White (Oklahoma), Aaron Rodgers (California), Chris Rix (Florida State), and Kyle Orton (Purdue).

"I think the biggest thing was the 40, combined with catching footballs from some of the elite quarterbacks in college football," McCoy said. "That helped to show that maybe I can compete on a higher level

of football. I think those two things kind of opened up a lot of coaches' eyes."

A number of teams evinced keen interest in McCoy, especially the Miami Dolphins. New head coach Nick Saban, who served on Cignetti's staff at West Virginia, took a liking to McCoy and hinted that he'd look dapper in the team's aqua, coral, and white color scheme. But when the opportunity came to select him in the seventh and final round, Miami passed.

"So many teams call you and tell you so many different things," McCoy said. "I definitely thought I was going to be a Dolphin by the end of the day, because of the number of times they came to watch me. During the seventh round they told me they were gonna draft me. They went as far as saying, 'Congratulations, you're a Dolphin.' I got off the phone, and they picked a defensive tackle. It was an up-and-down day."

McCoy's mood brightened considerably a few minutes later when the Cardinals called. Friends and family whooped deliriously as he savored a moment few players—especially those from smaller schools—ever experience. In fact, only one Division II product was selected ahead of McCoy.

"I told myself all week that if I got drafted I wasn't going to be emotional," he said. "But when you see your name go across the screen on national television, it's hard not to be. I was definitely emotional. It was such a thrill."

As was donning his uniform for the first time at the Cardinals' postdraft minicamp.

"I wanted to take pictures of my uniform and my helmet, but I didn't want any of the other players to see me," he said with a chuckle.

McCoy will return to Arizona July 31 for the start of training camp, brimming with confidence. He ran patterns against two of the finest cornerbacks in the land—Antrel Rolle of Miami, the Cardinals' top pick, and Eric Green of Virginia Tech, their No. 3 selection—at minicamp and held his own.

"Any guy coming from a small school that's trying to play in the NFL, I think the first thing they have to figure out is that they do belong," Felus said. "Because you're not coming from a big-time program, you're not used to competing against guys that maybe are as athletic as you. I think as soon as LeRon realizes that he does deserve to be there, he can compete. Another thing, in order for him to stick, he's got to be the hardest-working guy there. A guy coming from this level, he always has something to prove."

Not only to others—to himself. McCoy never considered an NFL career a possibility until Cignetti and Felus began providing positive reinforcement. And, on occasion, a figurative kick in the butt.

"There were so many times when my career could have really gone the opposite way," McCoy said. "They always pushed me, they always let me know that I had a future in football if I just worked hard at it. I have a tendency to be lazy at times, but they wouldn't let me be lazy. They wouldn't let me ever be satisfied or content."

Cignetti and Felus kept telling a skeptical McCoy that he possessed the tools to one day play for pay. He finally believed. And so did the Arizona Cardinals.

LeRon McCoy beamed the day they called his name. Even if he never heard it. 🐾

IUP DRAFT PICKS

YEAR	PLAYER	POSITION	ROUND
1970	DAVE SMITH	WR	8TH
1976	LYNN HIEBER	QB	15TH
1979	JIM HASLETT	LB	2ND
1996	CHRIS VILLARRIAL	G	5TH
2000	LEANDER JORDAN	G	3RD
2005	LeRON McCoy	WR	7TH

SURPRISE Party

IUP finished third at the American Collegiate Hockey Association Division II national club tournament by surprising three top-flight opponents.

But the team the Indians surprised most might have been...IUP.

Odds that coach Sam Kelly's crew would reach the semifinals were slimmer than Olive Oyl. The Indians seemed more likely to place third in their four-team pool than third in the nation.

"To be honest with you, we weren't expecting to do so well," said goaltender Adam Curry, whose sparkling play spurred IUP to its highest finish ever. "I think if you would've told any one of us we'd end up No. 3 in the country, we probably wouldn't have believed it."

The Indians defeated Colorado (3-1), SUNY-Stony Brook (6-1), and Michigan (3-2) in pool play to advance to the Final Four, a heady achievement for a team that had managed only one previous victory in four ACHA tournament appearances. Especially given the expectations.

"We've had some fantastic teams in the past that didn't even get to nationals," said Kelly, who led the Indians to a 24-11-3 record (IUP's second team, coached by 1977 grad Mike Irvin, finished 22-10-3 and placed thirteenth at the ACHA Division III tourney). "Everybody thought we were going to make a run last year, because we had a very talented team, and we went 1-2 at nationals. I don't think the guys thought this year's team could compare to last year's."

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But the underdogs overachieved during their stay in Rochester, Mich., scoring timely goals and riding the spectacular goaltending of Curry, who became the first IUP player to earn first-team ACHA All-America honors. The senior from Johnstown was also named the Southeast Region MVP and made the ACHA all-tournament first team. He was as impenetrable as Fort Knox at nationals, posting a .935 save percentage.

"I think it all started with Adam Curry," said captain Bill George, a senior left wing who scored four goals in the tournament, matching senior center E.J. Greco for team honors. "He was the backbone of that team. He's the calmest player there is, and that keeps everyone else calm. He made some incredible saves that kept us in the first game."

The Indians quickly fell behind 1-0 in their opener against Col-

orado, but Curry was invincible the rest of the way. Senior right wing Greg Lausch snapped a 1-1 tie with 6:31 remaining and George added an empty-net goal with eleven seconds left to seal the victory.

"I think that was probably our best game," said sophomore defenseman Jordan Haines, who joined Curry as a first-team all-tournament pick and a first-team All-Southeast Region selection (fellow defenseman Steve Rebovich earned second-team all-region honors). "That just set the tone for the whole week."

The Indians walloped long-time nemesis Stony Brook a day later. IUP had managed nothing more than a tie in five previous games with the Seawolves, but the latest contest was, well, no contest. George and Greco each scored twice to trigger the rout.

"What happened against Stony Brook was just unbelievable," Kelly said. "The guys were really up for that game, so much so that once they got going they just couldn't be stopped. Their adrenaline was so high."

That set up a showdown with Michigan for the right to advance out of Pool C. Curry made forty-two saves, including several on point-blank shots in overtime to keep IUP alive in the game and in the tournament. Junior right wing Sean Hopkins then intercepted a pass and buried the puck in the Michigan net to spark a frenzied celebration by the triumphant Indians and their fans.

"I don't know how many of us could say we'd ever been in a game that big before, where a win sent you on and a loss sent you home," Curry said. "It was a great feeling to win it. I think we sort of shocked ourselves."

The Indians' rollicking run reached a dead end in the semifinals when defending champion Oakland—the host school—struck for three goals in the opening 10:48 enroute to a 6-1 victory. But one setback couldn't overshadow all that unheralded IUP accomplished.

A season highlighted by wins over high-profile schools like Pitt, Penn State, West Virginia, Maryland, North Carolina State, Colorado, and Michigan culminated with the Indians placing third in the nation. Out of 134 teams.

"We made a name for ourselves," Curry said. "We get made fun of a lot, get called a community college, get called a lot of names. When you have little IUP doing something like we did, it opens up some people's eyes and gives us respect across the country. Finishing third at nationals was a big step ahead for IUP."

The Indians got that far by surprising three top-flight foes. And maybe even themselves. 🍀



Front row: Sam Kelly, left, and Michael Irvin. Back row, left to right: Steve Rebovich, Adam Curry, and Jordan Haines.

Name Droppers

BY BOB FULTON

Talk of foreign imports used to elicit scowls in Detroit. But broach the subject to swimming coach **Dave Caldwell** and he'll respond with an ear-to-ear grin. Caldwell's international contingent brought IUP national recognition at the NCAA Division II meet in Orlando, Fla., with Canadian **Luci Plaxton** earning three first-team All-America honors and Polish freshmen **Marek Malopolski** and **Bartosz Ostrowski** combining for three more. The highlight was Plaxton's runner-up performance in the 100-yard freestyle. The junior from Toronto touched the wall in a school-record 50.89 seconds, behind only Loni Barton of Cal State-Bakersfield. "Typically she's a second-half swimmer," Caldwell said of Plaxton. "She was behind going into the last turn. She hit a good turn and was right there, bringing in the girl. It's hard to say, but I think if the race was a little bit longer, she probably would've had a chance to catch her." Plaxton, who won three events at the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference meet three weeks before, also finished sixth in the 50 free and seventh in the 100 backstroke to push her career All-America count to eight. Malopolski, who was voted Swimmer of the Meet at the PSACs after posting three victories, placed third at nationals in the 100 breaststroke and fourth in the 200 breast. Ostrowski, the PSAC Rookie of the Year,



Luci Plaxton

finished fifth in the 100 free and swam honorable mention All-America times in the 200 free (tenth) and 50 free (tied for fifteenth). Another rookie, **Heidi Mitskavich**, came through with an honorable mention All-America performance in the 1,650 free, where she placed fourteenth. "I was happy for the three freshmen," Caldwell said. "It's such a learning experience going to nationals, because it's so different from any other meet, but they did more than just learn." They finished their freshman seasons as All-Americans, just as Plaxton did two years before.

Senior forward **Ayyub Ali** earned first-team PSAC West, Daktronics East Region, and National Association of Basketball Coaches East Region all-star honors after leading the Indians in scoring (18.1 points per game), rebounding (9.5), field goal percentage (.527), and steals (1.94). Senior forward

G.J. Macon joined Ali on the PSAC West first team, and junior guard **Eddie Peterson** was a second-team selection. They sparked IUP to a 24-9 record and a berth in the NCAA Division II tournament, where the Indians upended rival Edinboro before falling to Mount Olive. Senior forward **Molly Miller** represented the IUP women as a PSAC West second-team pick.

USA Volleyball hired **Diane McCormick French '72** as technical coordinator for the United States women's team. French, a standout at IUP before playing for the national team (1975-80), would have participated in the Moscow Olympics were it not for the American boycott. She was inducted into the IUP Athletic Hall of Fame in 1997.

LeRon McCoy (see story in this issue) isn't the only IUP product headed to an NFL training camp this month; he's actually one of seven. Two of McCoy's fellow seniors, linebacker **Kris Griffin**

and running back **Mike Jemison**, signed free-agent contracts in April with, respectively, the Kansas City Chiefs and New York Giants. In addition, line-backer **Andrew Battle '04** (Detroit Lions) and offensive lineman **Khiawatha Downey '04** (San Francisco 49ers) are back for a second try after getting cut last year. Veteran guard **Chris Villarrial '96** will begin his tenth NFL season when the Buffalo Bills open camp, and guard **Leander Jordan '00** will begin his sixth season when the San Diego Chargers commence workouts.

Junior softball players **Jodie Swavelly**, **Sarah White**, and **Melissa Klingensmith** traveled to Belgium in May as members of the USA Athletes International all-star team, which squared off against the Belgian national team and various semi-pro opponents in a series of games. They were selected by Barry University (Fla.) coach Shelly Lis, who directed the sixteen-member squad.

The IUP golf team ran away from the field on the third and final day of the NCAA Division II East Region tournament in Jackson, N.J., to earn a trip to nationals for the first time since 1999. The Indians, who led by a single stroke entering the final eighteen holes, caught fire and finished with a score of 898 to easily outdistance runner-up West Liberty State (913). "They just started playing like they never did before," said coach



Ayyub Ali

Fred Joseph. "They humbled the opposition. The other teams just wilted against the onslaught." Freshman **Graham Hill** and junior **Brian Galica** tied for second place with four-over-par scores of 220, and junior **Thomas Facciani** finished seventh (226) to give IUP three all-region performers. The Indians were to compete at nationals May 17-20 in Savannah.

Senior **Becky Bullard** and junior **Mindy Sawtelle** earned All-America honors at the NCAA Division II indoor track and field meet in Boston, Bullard by finishing seventh in the high jump with a leap of 5-7 and Sawtelle by placing seventh in the 5,000 meters with a time of 16:58.28. They tuned up for nationals with stellar performances at the PSAC meet two weeks before. Bullard won the high jump and pentathlon, increasing to nine her total of individual indoor and outdoor conference titles, and was a member of IUP's victorious medley relay team. Sawtelle also ran a leg on that relay, won the 3,000, and finished second in the mile.

Freshman **Sean Strauman** was the Indians' lone male champion, his 1:55.05 time in the 800 setting a meet record.

Sawtelle was named a recipient of the PSAC Top Ten award, which recognizes excellence in

academics and athletics. The mother of two, a health and physical education major, carried a cumulative 3.47 grade-point average into the spring semester. Sawtelle was also selected to the United States Cross Country Coaches Association All-Academic team along with juniors **Nicole Blaesser**, **Katie Farnsworth**, and **Charlene Wirfel**. Junior **Mark Prezioso** and sophomore **Eric Kruttschnitt** were chosen from the men's squad. Both teams were cited for their overall classroom achievements: The women checked in with a GPA of 3.39, the men 3.14.

Junior **Rocco Tettis** won his second consecutive Pennsylvania Golden Gloves Open Division 178-pound boxing championship in April at Heinz Field's Great Hall and shared the Most Outstanding Fighter award with his younger brother, Anthony. Tettis, a member of the Ridgway Boxing Club, decided Kevin Bell to win the crown and land a berth at nationals, to be held in Little Rock, Ark. He reached the quarterfinals a year ago.

Yvonne Niederbracht, a graduate student from Germany, wrapped up her final season of tennis at IUP with a 17-2 singles record and a No. 2 ranking in the East Region.

Niederbracht was denied the

opportunity to successfully defend the conference title she won a year ago when rain wiped out the last two rounds of the PSAC tournament. Niederbracht crushed Emily Berry of Clarion 6-0, 6-0 and Linda Escobedo of California 6-1, 6-1 in her first two matches. She finished her career with a 66-9 singles record and was 61-14 in doubles.

International Aquatics Magazine placed Slippery Rock University professor **Bob Ogoreuc '89** on its Power 25, a list of today's most influential aquatics professionals. He's in select company, alongside Olympic champions such as Michael Phelps, Jenny Thompson, Ian

Thorpe, and Janet Evans. "It's a huge honor," Ogoreuc said. "I was contacted about making the list in December, but I didn't know who else was on it until I got the magazine and I started leafing through it. It's definitely nice to be in with all those big names." Ogoreuc received the honor for building the Slippery Rock aquatics minor into what the magazine called "one of the most vibrant in the nation." He is also a member of the American Red Cross editorial advisory team, works as a training officer for the Ocean City (N.J.) Beach Patrol, and has presented papers at various national and international aquatics conferences. ~

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SEABOYNE GEOLOGIST

For fun and experimentation, the crew sends Styrofoam coffee cups to the ocean floor. Upon return from a depth of 3,500 meters, the cups are drastically altered, squeezed to the size of thimbles because of the enormous water pressure.



while thing to do, it was a great experience."

Bolyn wasn't the first IUP student who has gone to sea in the name of science.

Among his predecessors is Kevin Jones '03, now a doctoral

student at Columbia University who conducts research at Lamont Doherty Earth Observatory. Jones is focusing on isotope geochemistry. Hovan arranged for Jones, as an undergraduate, to study aboard a research cruise that focused on heat flow and the seismic velocity of crust at the flank of the East Pacific Rise near the equator. His role was to help take sediment cores.

"In the lab at IUP, I learned many of the sediment-handling techniques that I still use today," said Jones.

Christa Ziegler '01, now a Ph.D. candidate at Boston University, was also inspired by her experiences in the lab in the basement of Weyandt Hall, where students have the chance to do chemical extractions to separate material in ocean sediment.

"I felt respected as a future colleague as opposed to a technician," she said. "As soon as I started working in the lab, I got really serious about science. I was working a lot, not just to get the A. I had a passion to learn all that I could—to go beyond the textbook." ~



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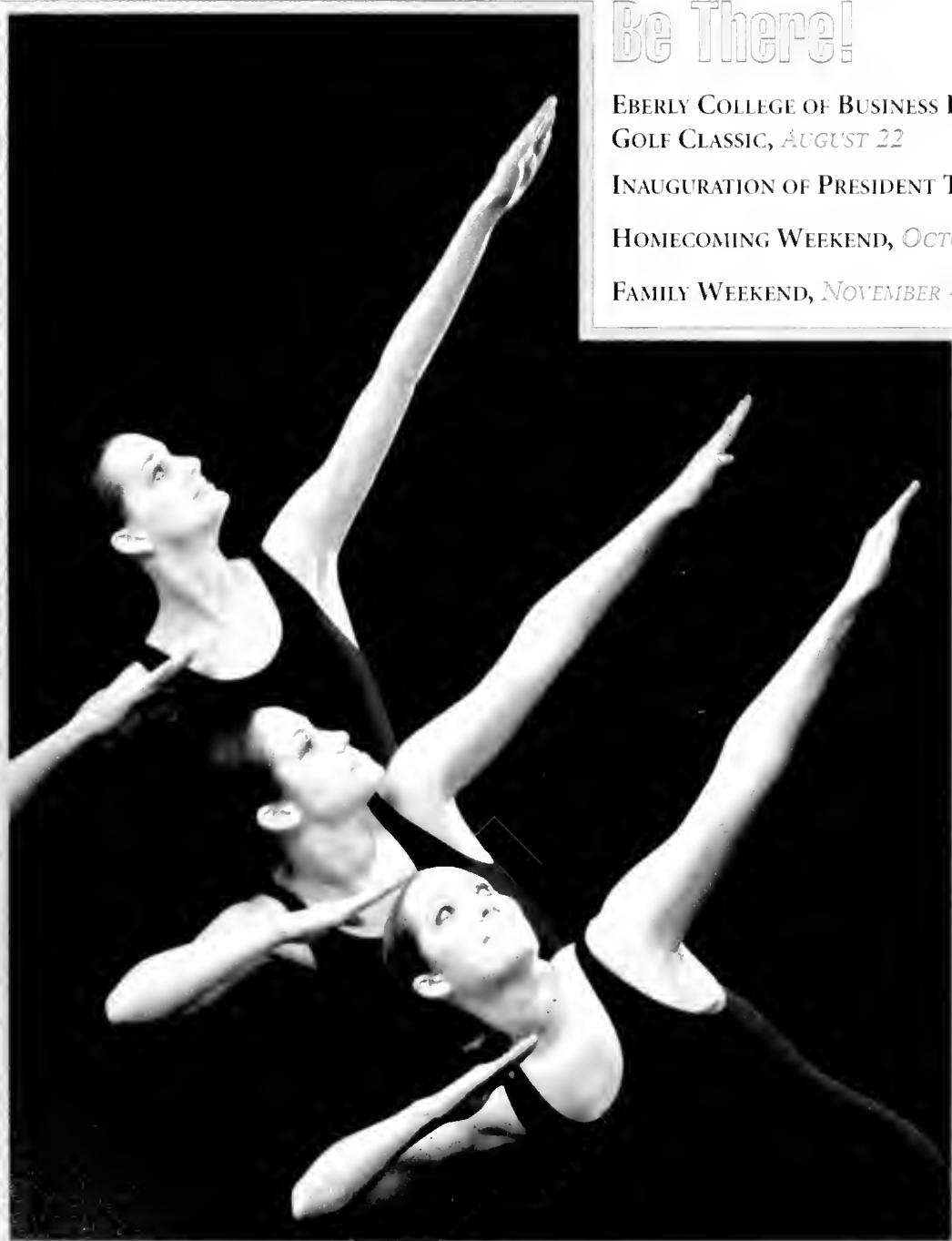
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